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In re the Application of: **AMANO, Masaharu et al.**

Group Art Unit: 3671

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Examiner: **Nathan S. MAMMEN**

Filed: **November 29, 2000**

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For: **A BUCKET TOOTH AND PRODUCING METHOD OF SAME**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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May 23, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 have been amended so as to read as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) In an assembly having a bucket tooth attached to a bucket lip via a fastening bolt, said bucket tooth comprising axial force fluctuation absorbing means for absorbing fluctuations in axial force of said fastening bolt after attaching one face side of said bucket tooth to face said bucket lip, said axial force fluctuation absorbing means acting to cause or increase a gap